## Higher Level Objectives of NEP Guidance:

- The goal of the NEP is unique in that it seeks to bring together multiple elements of the CWA in developing plans to comprehensively "...restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the nation's significant estuaries and assure that the designated uses are protected".
- ➤ Under Section 320, EPA has provided guidance to reinforce the importance of local stewardship through a national, non-regulatory program.
- The reinforcing objective is to benefit the overall success of both national and local programs objectives.

## Key NEP Guidance Documents:

- ➤ Annual Funding Guidance intended to provide clear direction regarding work plan and reporting requirements including major assistance agreement policies for cooperative agreements made under section 320.
- > NEP Guidance for Comprehensive Conservation Management Plans describes the requirements for approvable CCMP's and provides an important reference for evaluating update/revision check-list responses.
- ➤ **Program Evaluation Guidance** helps assess if the NEP's are making adequate progress in achieving both programmatic and environmental results.



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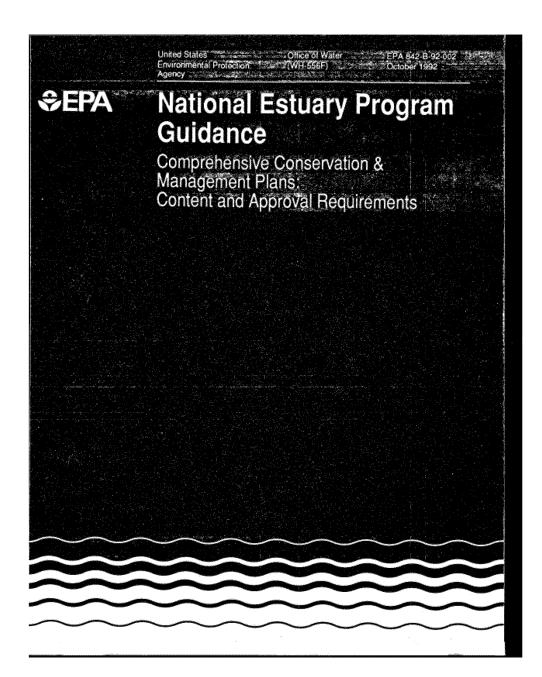
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